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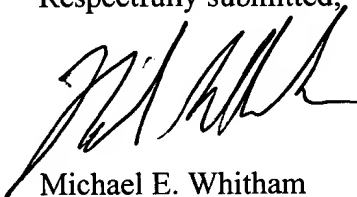
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Respectfully submitted,

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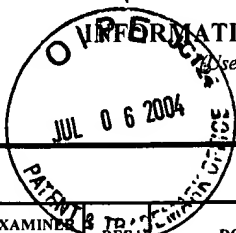
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	1	11-298571	10-29-99	Japan		abstract	✓	
	2	63-73445	4-4-88	Japan		abstract	✓	

OTHER DOCUMENTS

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	1	Japanese Office Action dated June 9, 2004, with English translation of pertinent portions

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